

Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1-21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) The locking device as claimed in claim-~~21~~ 33, wherein the cap formed as a unit is produced from plastic.

23. (Currently Amended) The locking device as claimed in claim-~~21~~ 33, wherein the at least the one second data storage module is located in the cap below a head of the mechanical part and adjacent to the extended shank region.

24. (Currently Amended) The locking device as claimed in claim-~~21~~ 33, wherein the ~~cap~~ at least one pocket has an opening at an upper end thereof so that the at least one second data storage module is insertable into the ~~cap~~ at least one pocket through the opening.

25. (Currently Amended) The locking device as claimed in claim-~~21~~ 33, wherein, on at least one side edge of the extended shank region has a milled section-~~which~~ accommodates and a recess;

wherein the first antenna is fixed in and with said milled section and said recess in abutting engagement with said at least one side edge when connected to the first data storage module.

26. (Currently Amended) The locking device as claimed in claim-~~21~~ 33, wherein the first data storage module is adapted to control the lock unit, and the at least second data storage module is adapted to control a further unit which is either an access control unit, a time recording unit or an automatic vending machine.

27. (Currently Amended) A security key for an electronic locking device, comprising:

a mechanical part which has a shank with control areas and an extended shank region engaging the mechanical part, wherein the extended shank region has a recess into which a first data storage module is inserted,

a cap formed ~~in~~ as a unit ~~engaged~~ engageable over ~~the~~ an upper side and a lower side of the mechanical part and the extended shank region;

wherein said key is fitted with at least one second data storage module connected to a second antenna ~~and engaged~~ over the at least one second storage module ~~uses~~ having a different frequency to that of the first data storage module;

wherein an upper edge of the cap has a first slot and a lower edge has a second slot, the first slot and the second slot communicating with a chamber within the cap;

wherein at least one pocket is recessed in a wall of the chamber;

wherein the at least second data storage module and the second antenna is ~~located~~ inserted into the at least one pocket in the chamber and the cap is latched to a recess on the extended shank region of the security key when the security key extends through the first slot and the second slot and ~~is latched to the cap~~ abuts against the mechanical part.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) The security key as claimed in claim ~~27~~ 33, wherein the ~~cap~~ mechanical part has laterally protruding regions beneath a head of the mechanical part, and the at least one second data storage module is arranged ~~in~~ on at least one of said lateral protruding regions.

30. (Currently Amended) The security key as claimed in claim ~~27~~ 33, wherein the chamber has ~~at least~~ two pockets into each of which a second data storage module is

~~engaged~~ inserted.

31. (Currently Amended) The locking device of claim ~~27~~ 33, wherein the chamber of said cap accommodates the at least one second data storage module next to said shank.

32. (Canceled)

33. (New) An electronic locking device comprising:
at least one lock unit and a metal security key,
wherein the at least one lock unit having at least one control circuit and a transmitting and receiving circuit which transmits information signals to the at least one control circuit;

wherein the metal security key has a mechanical part and a shank engaged together by an extended shank region;

a cap formed as a unit engageable over an upper side and a lower side of the mechanical part and the extended shank region;

bores (5) having control areas on an upper side (11) and edges (10) of the shank;

an open recess provided on the upper side of the extended shank region along and on the longitudinal axis of

the security key;

 a first data storage module connected to a first antenna fixed in the open recess;

 at least one second data storage module engaged on the security key which is connected to a second antenna engaged on the at least one second data storage module;

 wherein the at least one second storage module has a different frequency than that of the first data storage module;

 wherein an upper edge of the cap has a first slot and a lower edge has a second slot, the first slot and the second slot communicating with a chamber having at least one pocket recessed in a wall of a chamber;

 wherein the at least one second data storage module and the second antenna are inserted into the at least one pocket, the open recess with the first data storage module therein is closed and the first antenna covered when the security key is extended through the first slot and the second slot of the cap to latch the cap in a recess on the extended shank region over the upper and lower sides of the mechanical part and the extended shank region abutting the mechanical part.